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MURDER OF OFFICER VOUGHT STILL REMAINS A MYSTEY

There seem to be no new developments in the murder investigation into the murder of plain clothes Officer Alexander Vought, which occurred on Saturday evening, November 30, at a point on Schoonmaker avenue, near Twelfth street.

The date of inquest has not been decided yet, as the deputy coroner has been holding the case to have some tangible evidence presented at the hearing. Howevr, it is thought the investigation will be conducted within a few days.

The State Police, along with the local and Pittsburgh Steel police are still working on the case and quite a number of persons have been arrested and put under bond as material witnesses and two colored men are yet in the city lockup, held as having possible knowledge of the case.

One officer working on the case has stated that of all the cases on which he has worked, he never was associated with one so baffling as this one.

A number of clews have been followed, but like the "rainbow's end," all have dwindled to seeming nothingness on the far distant horizon.

One or two clues that have been dropped onto appeared to possess some tangibility, but the trails have been so carefully covered that nothing of certainty has been yet made public, as to the exact conditions surrounding the murder.

The offer of $1.000 reward—$500 by the County Commissioners and $500 the borough council, seems to as yet brought no apparent influence on unraveling the mystery.

AMERICAN PP'SON-ERS RELEASED

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Twenty six hundred American prisoners of war interned at Camp Rastatt left yesterday and today for Switzerland. Two hundred other Americans who have been scattered in various camps in Germany are leaving Germany by way of Holland and Denmark.

It is expected that the last of the Americans will be out of German camps by the middle of this week.

CAPT. HITCH-MAN RETURNING

Capt. John Dickey Hitchman has sent a cablegram to his home in Mt. Pleasant that he has been ordered home from Havre, France. Capt. Hitchman, who has been president of the First National Bank in Mt. Pleasant for a number of years, was a member of the Old Tenth, served with the regiment on the border as captain of the Machine Gun company of the Old Tenth and was later transferred to captain of headquarters company. After the battle on the Marne, Capt. Hitchman was transferred from the famous One Hundred and Tenth as assistant to Gen. Richard Coulter at the port of Havre, France.

HAS GONE TO FLORIDA FOR THE WINTER

A. W. Davis, for practically ten years pay master with the Page Steel and Wire company has resigned that position and the latter part of the week he and Mrs. Davis will leave for Florida, where they will spend the winter on account of Mr. Davis' health, which has been somewhat impaired for quite a time, he having gone through a course of treatment at the John Hopkins' hospital, Baltimore, Md., during the past summer.

Mr. Davis has been a hard worker and leaves his position with the highest esteem of his employing company and the respect of all who knew him during the residence of he and Mrs. Davis in Monessen, both of whom have the best wishes of friends here for a pleasant stay in the south and the complete restoration of Mr. Davis to strength and health. During the winter they will likely make their home in Miama City.

DID GREAT WORK DURING EPIDEMIC

— The many Monessen friends of Mrs. C. R. Buchannan of Lock Four will learn with regret that her eldest son, Conn, Jr., aged six years is quite ill with the influenza. A physician is attending the patient. While acting as Assistant Superintendent of the Monessen Red Cross hospital Mrs.Buchanan found time to assist thirty homes in answer to distress calls, in ddition to attending to a multiplicity of duties at the hospital. Where human life was at stake, she was impatient of delays and would not spare herself in the service. Since the hospital has been closed she has kept working in an advisory capacity and by securing nurses for private homes.

Miss Edith Shinn who nursed at the Monessen hospital has been engaged at the Buchanan home and everything possible is being done for the little sufferer. His condition this morning was reported as being slightly improved.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DANCES

Dances will be held in Croation hall. every Wednesday evening. Everybody welcome. 1tp

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LOUHI BAND POPULAR CONCERTS

Director George Whalstrom of the Louhi band has, with the assistance of his able corps of co-workers, arranged the 1918-19 concert course, the dates of which are January 9, Feb. 20 and April 4.

The first numbr, Thursday evening, Jan 9 at 8 o'clock p. m., will be a treat to all music lovers who should not forget the date.

A group of talented soloists have been assembled, formost among whom will be Miss Louise Frazier, soprano. Also William Anderson, flute; J. Nevanpera, clarinet; B. Acquiline, cornet; H. Foudila, Emphonium, and A. Saxberg, saxophone.

The course will open in the auditorium of the Monessen High school

Miss Louise Frazier

and the Louhi band is too well known to need much lauding and everybody knows the exceptional talent of which it is composed.

This band gained national reputation during the past season by being chosen to take part in the 4th of July pageant of nations and to "sit" for a number of records for the Victor Talking machine company, while in New York City. The Louhi is recognized as one among the best concert bands in Western Pennsylvania.

The band was organized in 1900 under the capable leadership of Geo. Wahlstrom, the present director.

SOLDIER BOY MOURNS DEATH OF BROTHER

The following soldier letter is of interest to Monessen people, as Private Lescanec is quite well known among a wide circle of friends:

France, Nov. 5, 1918

Miss Acie Johnston,

Dear Friend:

Just received your sad letter telling me of brother Lawrence's death. I don't know how you people feel but I cannot express my feelings about him. He surely was a good brother to me and was a friend to all he knew. It sure has me thinking and I spent a very unrestful night last night, yet I thought there must be something the matter with him as I haven't received any mail from him since August 2n. In that letter he told me to be good and dodge the bullets.

I just received a letter from sister Anna. She said father and mother were worrying so much about him. Acie you people must try and not worry. Of course, it is only natural for us to worry, but there is one consolation and that is that he died brave and for his country.

As your request is to see his grave when I get back, if nothing happens and they don't bring him back to the U. S., you shall see his grave. Please tell Mr. Irwin that his kindness will never be forgotten for placing a wreath on the Honor Roll in memory of my brother Lawrence.

I don't know if I will get home safe or not but I hope I do and will show you on the map all the towns I have

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Olympic Theatre

TODAY—"Fringe of Society." in six reels. In the cast are Ruth Roland, Milton Sills, Leah Baird, Ollie Kirby, and an all-star cast throughout. A society picture drama of quality by Pierre V. R. Key. This line-up of stars is proof of the quality.

THURSDAY—The second government picture "America's Answer."

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—William Farnum in a picturization of Zane Grey's famous novel "Riders of the Purple Sage."

STATE WILL INVESTIGATE COST OF INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

"The cost of a great epidemic to a great commonwealth" is to be the subject of an important and far reaching investigation to be conducted by the state department of health. The recent influenza epidemic is to be made the basis of this iquiry and every phase of the social and economic cost which this disease has caused in the state of Pennsylvania will be carefully surveyed. So far as is known this is the first grent undertaking of its kind to determine the cost of an epidemic worked out along modern economic lines.

Professor J. P. Lichtenberger of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania has been engaged to undertake this work and a large corps of clerks, stenographrs and other officers of the state department of health have been designated to co-operate in gathering the data necessary to determine this cost. Inquiries will be sent out during the coming week to physicians, health officers, undertakers and nurses and later to the heads of various businesses and industries. Careful estimates as to the loss of life in the various age groups and in various occupations will be made. Estimates as to the duration of brutal and nonfatal illness with the loss of earning capacity will also be workd out in detail. The cost in actual loss of life will be determined in the various age groups and even details as to the cost of burial will be carefully itemized together with a tabulation including loss of time of friends and relatives attending funerals

Studies will be made as to the cost of nursing, doctor's fees and medication. Business losses in the line of production, mining, manufacturing, transportation, retail business, theatres, saloons, hotels and restaurants, and finally a tabulation will be made of the expenditures made by the State Department of Health in association with other state agencies and by the local boards of health, and local committees in charge of emergency hospitals. If posaible the losses in public education will also be determined and a method will be worked out for ascertaining the per capita cost of the epidemic.

Professor Lichtenberger has already begun this importat work and the results of his investigation will be made known from time to time as fast as the date is received and compiled. When the work is completed a full report will be made public.

Dr. B. Franklin Royer, Acting Commissioner of Health, asks that all citizens of Pennsylvania who receive letters from the department asking for information and data concerning the cost of the epidemic will please cooperate with the Department of Health by furnishing this information as completely as possible and without unnecessary delay.

A CAR LOAD OF "SINGERS" FOR XNAS

T. S. LoForte, proprietor of the American Talking Machine Company, has received a car load of Singer Sewing machines, enough to supply trade for the holiday season. Mr. LoForte is making a big specialty with these machines by offering a special discount. He expects to move them out within a few days. All those who wish to install a new machine for Christmas will do well to drop into the store early and make a selection while the stock is complete.

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ORGANIZING FOOD PRODUCTION

The government, it is announced, will soon give out a program for an organized movement to increase the food supply. The success won in the Liberty Bond, Red Cross and War Work drives ought to teach us a lot about organizing food production. These drives were put over by going from house to house and asking people to give, the ground being well prepared by newspaper advertising.

Now let the government handle the food production in the same way. Every farmer in the country should be visited by some representative of the Farm Bureau or other organzation of business men. Personal interviews will obtain co-operation from many people where you would not get it from agitation at public meetings.

The organizations conducting these canvasses should find out from each man what obstacles exist that prevent him from raising bigger crops. If it is lack of farm machinery and tools, arrangements could be made in a great many cases to share the use of such machinery with neighbors. If a man needs more capital for a legitimate extension of his business, and if he has good security, he should get the funds. If he needs more labor, he should be shown that the government employment services and other agncies will care for his needs.

Frequently the only thing standing in the way of a bigger crop is the conservation characteristic of many men. The hesitating famrer should be assured that the community stands back of him in the effort to increase food production. After that pledge is made, it should be rigidly kept, and the farmer should not be left in the lurch for lack of needed equipment or labor.

WILL EDUCATION PAY?

Recent years have seen a great reaction from old fashioned book education, and the demand now is for young people who shall be efficient in business. In many ways this reaction was necessary. Yet it must not go so far that young people will not care for general intelligence.

It is certainly upsetting to an ambitious boy, when he finds that a first class mechanic earns more than the average school teacher or minister, or newspaper writer. Why spend years in study, when he can earn more by perfecting himself in some form of shop practice?

It is a pretty serious matter if the present demand for skilled mechanics shall lead our young people to ignore the value of high school and college education. Fortunately most men who make good pay as mechanics have common sense and realize the value of education. They want their children to have more of it than the older generation had. So it is hardly likely that our high schools and colleges will be depopulated.

The country will suffer, however, if it fails to provide an adequate return to brain workers, to intelligent and educated people who have spent time and money in acquiring knowledge and fitting themselves to be better citizens. But educated people must do their share in making themselves fit for active participation in life. Education must do something more than develop their critical and analytic faculties.

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MASKED VICTORY

By MONA DORR.

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Fred Osborne laughed as he lit a cigar. "But my dear Stewart, I don't want to marry simple little Della. She is a nice girl, but hardly my choice."

"Give that girl the advantages of those city dolls, and she would outshine them all," answered Stewart. "If I were younger I'd not be encouraging you."

A young girl passing through the room at the end of the ary which rose to her lips as she heard the remarks of the two men.

She herself entered her room, and, throwing herself on the bed, broke into sobs.

Miss Brayton (her hostess) had invited her, as well as other guests, to spend the week end at her beautiful country residence.

As she lay there a plan suddenly formed in her mind; and hastily rising, brushing her eyes, she crossed the hall and walked at the door.

"Come!" called a melodious voice. "Do sit down. I want to chat with you." Then as she noticed the girl's red eyes. "Why, Della, what's the trouble?"

As Della confided her plan, the girl smiled and nodded from time to time.

"Just you wait!" cried Beatrice Lang. "We'll made them take notice," and she gave Della a big hug. Then they settled down to discuss the great secret.

The girls were very busy the next few days, planning for the masquerade ball, which the hostess was giving to close her entertainment.

At seven o'clock that evening Della entered Beatrice's room, and seated herself in a chair (placed for her) in front of the dressing table.

Beatrice first pulled the lace cap from her friend's head, revealing a mass of beautiful golden curls. This she piled up on the girl's head; then catching up a lovely pink gown, she passed it to her and told her to hurry into it.

Della took from a box a pair of pink satin slippers, and silk stockings, and putting them on, stood up for her friend's inspection.

"My dear!" exclaimed Beatrice. "No one would ever know you," and she turned the girl to the mirror.

"I'll do," she laughed, as a rosy flush spread over her face.

"Do!" Beatrice snapped. "If everyone doesn't pronounce you the belle of the ball I'll miss my guess."

She then picked up a mask and placing it over the girl's face, gave her a push saying: "Now, run along."

Meanwhile Della had reached the ballroom and was immediately claimed for the first dance, which was then about to commence.

As she whirled about, her eyes fell on a familiar figure.

"Who is that stunning looking girl with Jack Morrill?" asked Fred Osborne of a youth standing near.

"Don't know," was the answer. "She is a beauty. But one can't recognize any of the girls in these confounded things they're wearing."

"Aren't you masking?" Beatrice was asked as she appeared.

"No," she answered. "I must be away in a short while."

Della was in her second dance, when a young man entered the room. He was rather effeminate, perhaps, but decidedly good looking. Wandering about he at length came up to Fred Osborne.

"By Jove! What a beautiful girl!" he exclaimed. "Can you tell me who she is?"

"I couldn't," said Fred.

In some way the stranger so maneuvered that Fred obtained only the last two dances.

By this time his anger had reached the boiling point; but to all questions regarding the young man, Della answered by a light laugh.

At 11 o'clock came the call to unmask; as Della drew hers from her face, Fred looked at her in astonishment.

"Why! It's little Della," he cried.

"Yes, little Della," she returned. "But do look who is claiming your attention."

Fred turned and confronted the stranger, who had so puzzled him. Then, as his eyes rested on the face for a moment a hearty laugh broke from his lips.

"Well, Miss Lang," he cried, "that was one great joke on me."

Someone then spoke to Beatrice, and Fred drew Della out to the beautiful gardens.

There, in the lovely moonlight, he asked her to be his wife.

"But," the girl followed his question by another, "do you forget a certain conversation you held a short while ago?"

Fred thought for a moment, then said: "You can't mean the day Stewart and I were talking?"

"That is just what I mean," said Della.

"My dear," cried he, "will you forgive that thoughtless remark? For I tell you truly, I did not intend Stewart to have the impression you have formed.

"Darling," he continued, "won't you say 'yes' and let me win forgiveness for the speech?"

He drew her gently to him, and as he looked into her eyes found his answer, even before her lips formed "yes."

If friends of Della Osborne speak truly—according to Fred's idea—there never was a more beautiful girl than his beloved wife.

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she realized it.

Suddenly her thoughts were turned from her tired feelings. What on earth was that? Could she be mistaken? No, there it was again. Someone's hand so soft and warm gently pressing hers. There, it pressed her hand again. The color which had once been absent from Grace's cheeks now dyed them a crimson red as she mischievously pressed back on the hand now tightly clasping her own. Finally she released her hand, thinking it best to find out to whom the hand belonged that had so affectionately been pressing hers.

Carefully turning, there to her overwhelming surprise stood Jack Ellis. Words failed her as Jack's hearty laugh revealed the pleasure he had taken in the flirtation. Mrs. Merrill's surprise was almost equal to Grace's, as she warmly greeted Jack, whom she had always thought to be a mighty fine fellow.

"Well, Grace," said Jack, "who ever dreamed of such good fortune as to see you. I've been down South on a business trip for the past three months and just got back this morning. How are you, anyway?"

"Quite well now, Jack," replied Grace.

"Yes," spoke up her mother, "quite well now; but this is her first trip to Boston since New Year's. She has been laid up with pneumonia and is only recovering from its effects."

To be sure, Jack felt badly to think he had not known Grace had been ill, as he could have written to her.

"Well," said Jack, "you are surely fortunate to have recovered so well."

"And now," added Mrs. Merrill, "I think we had better start for home."

"In my auto," said Jack. "If we can make our way out of this crowd, it will only take a few minutes to get it here. I will phone the garage and have them send it right along."

In a short while all three were comfortably settled in Jack's big car speeding homeward. Mrs. Merrill and Jack enthused over the parade, while Grace, lost in her dreams, forgot all else save that Jack was with her again. What awful long months they had been—but now it was all explained. He had been too far away to hear of her illness. The violets, too, were enough for a birthday gift, considering that they had been only friends. Before she realized it her home was reached, and as the auto came to a stop Jack asked if he might call the following evening. Grace readily consented, and as he helped her from the auto, again the soft hand pressed hers and the two laughed heartily.

Needless to say, Jack's sweater was soon finished, and it was not long until Grace had said "Yes" to that all-important question.

When Jack spoke of the customary engagement diamond, Grace, beaming with delight, said: "Jack, dear, I have a wonderful surprise for you. Something better than diamonds. I have chosen—a Liberty bond is what I wish for an engagement gift."

"You dear girl!" exclaimed Jack, as he affectionately embraced her. "how did you come to think of that?"

"Well," replied Grace, "you know the Liberty Loan parade was instrumental in reuniting us, and while the whole country is conserving I thought we should do our 'bit' too."

"Well done," said Jack. "It shall be as you wish."

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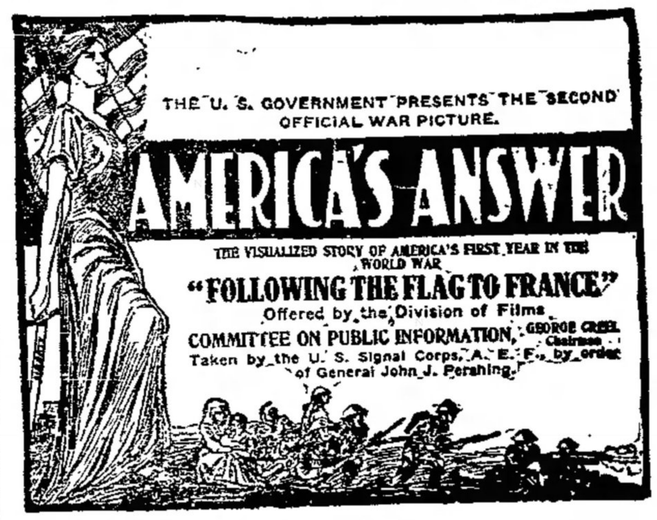
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BEATS JEWELRY

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"Well, mother," said pretty Grace Merrill as she seated herself down to breakfast Saturday morning, "what do you say to a trip to Boston this afternoon to see the Liberty Loan parade. That British tank must be some sight, and just think, I have not been in town since I did my Christmas shopping."

"Grace, dear," answered her mother, "you never could stand the jam of the crowd that will be there."

"We can stay until we get tired and then come home," persisted Grace. "It is such a beautiful day and such a big parade. I'd hate to miss it."

Grace Merrill had been taken ill New Year's day with pneumonia, and although nearly a month now since she had been allowed out of doors, she still remained pale and weak, her strength returning very slowly.

"No, dear," finally responded Mrs. Merrill. "I think we had better stay at home today. Get that sweater you started for Jack Ellis before you were taken sick and see if you can ever finish it."

"Jack will never wear that sweater," emphatically declared Grace. "I am going to send it to the Red Cross."

"Now, Grace," said her mother, "you know you like Jack Ellis even though you did give him his walking papers just because he sent you a bunch of violets for a birthday gift."

"Well, mother," answered Grace, "it was not as much as I expected from Jack, but I had my mind made up long before my birthday to tell him I intended to devote all my time to Red Cross work."

Two o'clock found them packed in the crowd, enthusiastically cheering, as the hundreds and hundreds of both men and women passed by. To Grace's surprise it was three o'clock before

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LOCAL NOTES

—Musterole at Craigs Drug Store.44-tf

—Don't forget the bazaar and bake sale at the Episcopal church on Saturday. 54-3tp

Lieut. Frank J. Reiser, an Altoona lawyer now in France, is the first Blair county soldier to announce having married a French girl.

—Mrs. Mood of Ninth street, who has been very ill since the death of her husband, during, the influenza epidemic is now improving and is on the way to recovery.

Printed, in large black type, and framed, the Ten Commandments have been placed at the entrance of the large auditorium in the Fayette County Courthouse.

The Ladies Aid of the English Lutheran church will meet with Mrs. O. F. Pannabaker, 162 Oneida street on Thursday evening.
1tp Mrs. Dessent, Sec.

—The Ladies' Adult Bible class of the U. B. church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Roach, corner of Delaware an East Schoonmaker avenue. 52-2tp

Rev. Robert E. Mock, a recent graduate of Gettysburg college and Theological Seminary, now of Tarentum, Pa., will preach at St Paul's Lutheran church, Eighth street, next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Mock comes as a candidate for the local pastorate made vacant by the death of Dr. C. E. Keller.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Albert have received the news that George Payen, a former Monessen boy, has been promoted to the rank of Captain and has been assigned to duties at Vladwostok Siberia, on a mission for the United States. He has gone to San Francisco, from where he will sail.

There has been no mail delivered on 3 routes from the Washington, Pa., office for several days. David F. Wilson, who has been a carrier from the Washington postoffice for the past 18 years and has been carrying in East Washington recently, quit to accept a position with the Jenkins Wholesale Company.

—Sam Meyers of the Meyers' Bros Clothing store returned home yesterday from a flying trip to New York and Atlantic City. Sam was seeming on a secret mission, but whether military, naval or otherwise, we have not been informed, but the inclination leans toward the belief that the mission was of a most pleasing personal nature.

A telegram was received here yesterday from New York announcing that Melford Anderson, son of Mr and Mrs. E. V Anderson, had arrived safely from overseas and would spend Christmas at home. Young Anderson enlisted early in the war and being assigned to ambulance duty was dispatched to the front with early contingents. His safe arrival to the states after many months participation in the war has caused rejoicing in the Anderson home and among "Melf's" hosts of friends.

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London, Dec. 9.—"Well, whaddye think of this?" said a big Arkansas infantryman, to two of his comrades in the Y. M. C. A.'s Eagle Hut in London. He glanced again over the letter in his hand, and in the other he turned over and over two bright shoulder-eagles, made for the honored adornment of a colonel's tunic.

"God bless her!" he said finally, and his voice had the hint of a boyish quiver in it. Then he laughed, but his eyes were moist.

"I must show this to the Secretary," he said. He rose and walked to one of the counters, his companions following.

The "Y" man was shown the Eagles and then the soldier handed him the letter. It said:

"Dear Frank: Our blessed little boy is a month old today I wish you could see him. I went to town today for the first time since he was born I saw a fine looking soldier in a store there and he had these things on his shoulders and I thought maybe you'd like some for your uniform and I went to another store and bought you two. I wish I could pin them on your uniform for you. I know you look fine. Take good care of yourself and come home to me and the baby."

Inherits Large Fortune

Chicago, Dec 10.—Dellora F. Angell, 16 year old niece of Mrs. John W. Gates, who died recently, will be heiress to the Gates fortune of $60,000,000 according to the will made public. Miss Angell has been cast attending her aunt's funeral. She is a quiet, unassuming girl, a favorite with her classmates, a lover of nature and outdoor sports. She received $250,000 on the death of her uncle, John W. Gates.

Met Brother in France

Miss Genevieve Daby, daughter of Mrs Edward Daby, of Donora, met her brother Leonard in France recently. There was a happy meeting between the two who had no idea of where the other was until the young soldier's regiment was marching past the hospital. Miss Daby enlisted in the Red Cross and went to France some time ago. Her brother has been in service over a year. Miss Daby knew of her brother's location from a letter of her father and wrote him to meet her.

FIREMEN'S MEETING

Members of the Monessen Volunteer Fire Department will meet in the hose house Thursday evening at 8 o'clock when a election of officers for the year 1919 will be held. Every meeting of the department will be heard [illegible] very important meeting and [illegible] to be present.

Sam Meyers, Sec.

NOTICE

[illegible] are to which were [illegible] hanging on hooks in the [illegible] only the owners [illegible] to the room for [illegible] by Durell & Duvall. [illegible] will be [illegible] Dunbar Inn, I will be [illegible] turned over to the [illegible]

[illegible] Committee

The Board of Trade in New Castle [illegible] to the government to get an allotment of war trophies for that city, basing the claim of the city and county on the record in the four Liberty Loan campaigns. Lawrence county raised more than $14,000,000 in the four loans.

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Died

Anna, the one-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Massara of 1015 Morgan avenue, died Monday evening and the remains will be interred in Grandview cemetery likely today.

Sarah, wife of Adolph Geiselhart, of 151 Second street, died last night of influenza, aged 38 years. Deceased leaves the husband and a family of children. She is a daughter and sister of the Harry Jacksons, senior and junior. The remains will be taken to Carrick, S. S. Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Vincenzina Secitia, of Ross street, at the rear of Hotel Victoria, died at 8:30 last night of influenza and pneumonia, aged 34 years. Deceased is survived by her husband and two children. The funeral will be at 2 p. m Thursday. Interment in Bells Vernon cemetery.

SOLDIER BOY MOURNS DEATH OF BROTHER

(Continued from first page.)

[illegible] through. I cannot tell you where I am now. I am not in Redon anymore. Neither is Joe German. I am not driving Huns now. I am driving a truck and I expect to drive it thru Germany before long. We heard some great news on the front since November came in I suppose you heard too. I had a little taste of mustard gas this week. That is the deadly gas. It is not very pleasant. It was very cold over night. I had all my blankets and my overcoat on and was still cold. We could not build a fire for fear the Germans would find where we were located.

Well, I have to get busy again, as there is no time to play when the bullets are flying around. I hope all the Monessen boys return safe and war will soon be over, so I can come back to [illegible]. Of course, I will be lonesome without brother Lawrence but I will have to make the best of it. Tell them at home, along with yourself, not to worry. It can't be helped. So will wish you happy Thanksgiving Day and a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

I remain your friend.
Private Joe Lescanac,
Somewhere in France.

DISCHARGING SOLDIERS

The discharge of enlisted men at Camp Lee will be under way tomorrow and by the end of the week it is hoped to have at least 5,000 men returned to civil life. There are 15,000 men under orders to be discharged, and these will be mustered from the service, as fast as the machinery can be developed.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Woman's Guild of the Episcopal church will hold heir Annual Bazzar and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 14th in the church basement. There will be a lot of fancy and useful articles for sale suitable for Christmas gifts. Come in and look them over 1tp

Mary Miles Minter, American-Mutual Star,
"The Ghost of Susy Taylor" at the Star Theatre Today

Relieved Passengers of Valuables

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—The few passengers in the parlor car of the Pennsylvania train bound for Pittsburgh dozed lazily in their seats shortly before midnight tonight waiting for the tram to pull out of the Union station.

The door opended at one end of the car and at the order "Hands Up," passengers stared to find a burly stranger covering them with a revolver. Presently another man appeared at the other door, carrying a revolver. Without further ceremony the bandits then walked through the car, relieving the frightened passengers of money and valuables.

Mrs. B. H. Arnold, of Pittsburgh, wife of the Pullman conductor of the train, sat with her baby asleep on her lap. The robbers calmly took her handbag containing $30.

The police upon reaching the scene saw two men hurriedly leave the car and gave chase. The police were gaining when one of the robbers turned and fired five shots. The police returned the fire and one of the men fell. The other escaped.

Result of Influenza

Washington, Dec. 10.—An official summary of the results of the influenza epidemic in army camps and military centers in the United States, made public by the War Department today, shows that there were 338,257 cases of the disease up to December 1, with approximately 17,000 deaths.

SOLDIER LIVED IN A DUGOUT

Mrs. M. J. O'Donnell, of Donora, has received a letter from her son, A. J. O'Donnell, former treasurer of the Union Trust Company, of Donora, who is now serving with the 56th Pioneer Infantry in France. At the time the Austrian armistice was signed, O'Donnell was in the front line trenches. He said he was living in a dugout with a roof six feet thick and whether the French or the Germans built it the builders knew their business.

Al said that the dugout was "cootie" proof but that the boys had become very chummy with the goodly supply of rats in evidence. He said his most pleasant experience since he arrived in France was when located near the trenches he ran bang into Joe Perri, a Donora boy now serving with the 30th Ammunition Train. There was a real reunion for a while that made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers participating. The day he wrote the letter O'Donnell had to walk seven miles for the paper and then only got one sheet.

Both young men are well known to many Monessen people.

MOTHER FAILED TO TRADE CHILD

From advics received it would appear that the attempt of Mrs. Rose Giardano, an Italian woman, of Jeanette, to marry her 17-year daughter, Margarette, to one Gerardo Graziani, of Grapeville who is said to have purchased the girl from her parents, has thus far failed, and the little heroine in the case is still free to wed her "soldier boy," whom she promised long before he sailed to France to help win the cause of democracy for his adopted country.

After the refusal of Squire J. Q. Truxal, of Greensburg, to perform the ceremony, the couple returned home and the following morning went to the Italian priest at Jeannette and asked him to tie the knot. Having read the story in the newspapers, he too, refused to marry them until he could look into the matter.

When the girl's lover left with a contingent of soldiers for camp, Margaretta slipped away to Irwin to bid her lover goodby. Her mother hearing of this, followed in an automobile and, finding her daughter at the station in Irwin, proceeded, it is said, to give her a sound trashing.

The girl is said to be very pretty. She is a dress-maker and is well educated, having been born in this country and attended the American schools. The Italian chosen for her husband is said to be an ignorant, but well-to-do fellow who is not her equal. His money, however, seems to meet with favor in the eyes of the girl's mother.

Hospital Board Will Meet Tonight

The hospital board will meet in the High school office tonight to close up the business of the emergency hospital. Bills will be approved for payment and all of the business necessary to place this institution in the forgotten class will be taken up. Much money is yet due from patients that took treatment at the institution and this will be collected. The deficit will be made up by some means devised at the meeting tonight.

Local Negro Senteuced

Says the Greensbrug Record:

"Ernest Warfield, the bad Monessen negro, charged with feloniously shooting David Washington through the head, was sentenced to pay a fine of $1 and costs and undergo imprisonment in the Western penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than three years."

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